

GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT

1 TIMOTHY 6

Text: 1 Timothy 6:6

1 Timothy 6:6

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Introduction:

If you were to survey most adults today they would certainly place contentment near the top of the things that they are seeking.

However many are seeking contentment in things that cannot bring contentment.

Some hope to gain contentment through wealth or success.

Some hope to gain contentment through achievement.

But many wealthy successful and honored people are not content.

The key to contentment is a thankful heart.

Thankful people have learned how to be content.

Why you may be asking?

Notice:

1. THANKFUL PEOPLE REJOICE IN WHAT THEY HAVE

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Illustration: Paul

- Paul was content because he was continually thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- A thankful heart made him content.

Philippians 4:11-12

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. ¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

- His contentment wasn't based on what he had.

Philippians 4:12

¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound:

every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

- Christ was what made him content.

Philippians 4:13

¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Thankful people recognize that all things are temporary.

2. THANKFUL PEOPLE REFUSE TO BE RULED BY WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE

- The desire to be rich rules many people
- That leads to often to the Devil's trap.
- The love of money is the root of all evil.

1 Timothy 6:10

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Illustration:

- The love of money cost the rich young ruler his soul.

Luke 18:18-23

¹⁸ And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall

I do to inherit eternal life? ¹⁹ And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is*, God. ²⁰ Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. ²¹ And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. ²² Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. ²³ And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

Chasing dreams of money and possessions is costly.

As a result many lose their families and reputation in the money chase.

3. THANKFUL PEOPLE RECOGNIZE GOD GIVES US ALL WE HAVE

Cash without Christ often Creates Carnality

Contentment comes from knowing and serving Christ.

James 1:17

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Close:

Are you a contented Christian?